

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, July 28, 2021

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXZk1gQn_qE

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Michael Payne, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Michelle Shrophire, VDOT	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT	x	Ian Baxter, TJPDC	x
		Nick Morrison	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x	Lee Kondor	x
Karen Davis, Jaunt	x	Allison Wrabel, Cville Tomorrow	X
Julia Monteith, UVA		Jeanette Janiczek, City of Charlottesville	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Neil Williamson, Free Enterprise Forum	x
Richard Duran, FHWA		Alex Ikefuna, City of Charlottesville	x
Ryan Long, FTA		Rory Stolzenberg, City of Charlottesville	x
Tristan Fessell, CTAC			
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x		

Note: The City of Charlottesville has declared a local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to assemble in a single location in the city. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting provisions contained in Code of Virginia § [2.2-3708.2](#). A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on August 7, 2021 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXZk1gQn_qE

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The MPO Policy Board Committee Chair, Michael Payne, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol and Sandy Shackelford took attendance.



2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 0:00)

- a. Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs with Piedmont Environmental Council, said all of the Smart Scale projects can benefit from the suggestions the TJPDC and MPO have made to them. He said the PEC strongly recommends the Rivanna River bridge project stating it has a great deal of support. Avon and 5th Street are crucial for connections in the community. His only dissent is regarding the 5th Street corridor project. There are strong opinions from the public with the Harris intersection. That project may need more public engagement.

Lee Kondor said he emailed information to the Board about the flyover proposal he has suggested. He went on to explain the project and the subsequent decision made about it and the project chosen. He asked that the flyover proposal be considered as one of the projects to be considered for the Smart Scale applications.

- b. Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 5:15)

Ms. Shackelford apologized for any confusion about the in-person meeting policy discussed at the last meeting. Once Charlottesville lifts its state of emergency, then in-person meetings will resume at TJPDC.

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda (Minute 6:26)

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway and made a motion to accept the agenda. Ms. Mallek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jacobs introduced new TJPDC Planner, Ian Baxter.

Approval of June 23, 2021 meeting minutes (Minute 7:32)

Motion/Action: Ms. Mallek made a motion to approve the June 23 meeting minutes. Mr. Snook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (MINUTE 8:01)

Lucinda Shannon explained the Public Participation Plan and the changes made to it. It has been open for public comment since April. She shared the updated plan with the committee.

Mr. Payne opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Motion/Action: *Review and Acceptance of the Public Participation Plan:* Ms. Mallek made a motion to accept the plan as presented, seconded by Ms. Londrey, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REMOTE MEETING POLICY (MINUTE 12:53)

Ms. Shackelford explained the revised public meeting policy. Once the board returns to meeting in person, members can continue to remotely join on a limited, specified basis. NOTE: There must be an in-person quorum.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to accept the policy as presented, seconded by Ms. Mallek, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. SMART SCALE ROUND 5 PROJECT SELECTION (MINUTE 20:24)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the list of the potential projects to be considered for Round 5 of the Smart Scale process.

Staff recommends the District Avenue Roundabout, Rivanna River Bike/Ped Crossing, Avon Street Corridor and the Fifth Street Corridor.

Ms. Mallek asked if sufficient investigation has been done on the flyover project in order to rule it in or out.

Charles Proctor said there was not much public support for a flyover option. It is a viable option that could be added to the corridor in the future if the public wants it. It would need to be studied further if it were to be considered.

After much discussion about the projects, the committee decided to support the staff recommendations.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to accept staff's recommendations for the Smart Scale applications as presented, seconded by Ms. Mallek, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. TRANSPORTATION EQUITY STUDY (MINUTE 1:15:54)

Nick Morrison gave an overview of the transportation equity study including goals, data metrics, overlaid spatial data, what to potentially do with the data, and next steps.

8. RIDESHARE WORK PLAN 2022 (MINUTE 1:28:21)

Sara Pennington gave a review of the initiatives being undertaken through the RideShare program in FY22, including the Afton Express, Try Transit/RideShare Week, Telework!VA, Earth Week, and Clean Commute/Bike Month. She also shared that there will be marketing research and implementation.

9. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:35:50)

Launch of Afton Express:

Ms. Pennington reported that the Afton Express will begin on September 1. The entire month of September will be free for riders. It will bring commuters from Staunton, Fishersville, and Waynesboro to six stops in Albemarle and Charlottesville. For additional information and schedules, go to www.aftonexpress.org or call 540-943-9302.

North 29 Corridor Study

Lucinda Shannon updated the board on the North 29 corridor study. They have refined goals and objectives and created a vision. The first public meeting will be in mid-September.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Study

Ms. Shannon reported that the study is now on the website. <https://campo.tjpc.org/news/ev-charging-station-study-2021/>

VDOT Project Pipeline

Mr. Proctor said that there are five projects in the region. There will be a kick-off meeting will be on August 4 re: the Pantops corridor and the 22/250 intersection.

Joint Meeting with SAW-MPO

Ms. Shackelford asked the Board about their comfort level and interest in having a joint meeting again with the SAW-MPO on November 9, 2021. There were topics discussed that are of mutual interest.

There was consensus to move forward with the meeting.

10. ROUNDTABLE (MINUTE 1:49:11)

This agenda item was tabled due to time restraints.

11. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA (MINUTE 1:49:28): NONE

12. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:50:29): NONE

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 22, 2021, from 4 – 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Payne adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

**Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
<https://campo.tjpc.org/committees/policy-board/>**